Study on Air Tariff

2165. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have mandated the National Council for Applied Economic Research to conduct a study and recommend ways and means to lower air tariffs;

(b) if so, whether NCAER has since submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any other modalities have been worked out to lower the air tariffs of Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (e) On 14.8.2003, Government has entrusted the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Delhi with a study on various aspects of domestic Civil Aviation Sector. The Terms of Reference of the study *inter-alia* include suggesting of means by which the domestic air travel could become more affordable. NCAER's report is awaited.

Loss incurring routes of IA

2166. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss incurring routes being operated by Indian Airlines at present;

(b) whether there is a proposal to allow private airlines to operate on such routes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Indian Airlines, including Alliance Air,